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## SPRING LIST, 1926

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Oronogo Flower Gardens

CARTERVILLE, MO.

**Terms.** Cash with order. Prices include postage.

My main list is published in the fall and includes tulip and narcissus bulbs, peonies, and a few miscellaneous items. To those receiving this list a copy of the fall list will be sent without further notice or request. I try to have it ready for mailing in August.

If there is anything in the flower, plant or seed line that you wish and do not know where to get, write me. As I receive a great number and variety of catalogues, I can probably tell you where it can be obtained.

#### GERMAN IRISES

German irises should be planted shallow, and should be given, as nearly as possible, a dry, well-drained location in full sun. A dressing of some form of lime or limestone is very beneficial.

**Germanica Alba.** Early. Pure white. 15c.

**Kochii.** Early. Buds soot-black, flower deepest purple. An indispensable variety. 15c.

**Ciengialti.** Similar to *Pallida Dalmatica*, but smaller, deeper in color, daintily crinkled and richly fragrant. For color-mass it is superior, being more profuse in bloom, and richer and more brilliant in color. 15c. 6 for 66c, 25 for \$2.25.

**Pallida Dalmatica.** Plant large, tall and stately. Flower very large, soft lavender in color. 20c. 6 for \$1.00, 25 for \$3.00.

#### SIBERIAN IRISES

These are very decorative in style and aristocratic in bearing.

They grow well in almost any soil or location, and are especially well at home by the waterside. They should be planted a little deeper than the German irises.

**Blue King.** Rich dark blue. 15c. 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

**Dark Blue.** Rich dark purple-blue. 15c. 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

**Pale Blue.** Strong grower, tall stem, large flower of clear blue. 15c.

**Superba.** Dark purple. 15c.

**Distinction.** A flower of remarkable beauty and brilliancy. Blue, with white veining. The stem is very tall and bears many flowers, the plant being in bloom much longer than most varieties of the Siberian type. A mass planting at blossom time is one of the most distinguished that can be staged in a garden. 25c. 6 for \$1.20, 12 for \$2.25.

### SWAMP IRISES

Though best at home by the waterside, these, like the Siberians, will thrive in any good garden location. Set them shallow, covered not more than two inches.

**Pseudacorus.** Foliage tall and handsome. Flower flat, a deep golden yellow with black markings. 20c. 3 for 50c.

**Orientalis Gigantea.** Ochroleuca. A superb flower, pure ivory-white, with yellow blotch on the falls. 25c. 6 for \$1.20, 12 for \$2.25.

**Longipetala Superba.** Spuria Mrs. A. W. Tait. This is like the preceding variety in type, but a dainty lavender in color, shading from nearly blue to pink, with yellow suffusions. 25c.

**Versicolor.** The common wild water-flag. Pale lavender. 15c. 4 for 50c.

**Aurea.** Similar to *Pseudacorus*. 20c. 3 for 50c.

### ORNAMENTAL GRASS

**Eulalia Gracillima.** Grows to five feet in height. Foliage of darkest green, very slender and graceful. The dainty blossom plumes which come in fall are fine for winter bouquets. 15c. 12 for \$1.20. Larger plants 25c. 50c, \$1.00, according to size. Special rates on large quantities.

**Eulalia Zebrina.** An ornamental grass coarser and heavier than *E. Gracillima*. The leaves are marked every few inches with broad cross-bars of yellow. Grows to six or eight feet high. 25c. Larger plants, 50c.

**Hardy Bamboo.** A strong, hard-wooded, grassy-looking plant, one of the most elegant ornamentals of shrub size. The leaves remain green until well into winter, and the stems do not die down. Strong field-grown plants. \$1.00

**Japanese Walnut.** They transplant easily, grow rapidly, come to bearing very young, yield heavily, and are highly ornamental. The nuts are easily cracked and extracted and have a flavor similar to that of the butternut. Though they often endure zero temperature, they are not safely hardy where the temperature goes lower than ten degrees above zero. One-year trees, 50c. 3 for \$1.00.

### TUBEROSE

**Mexican Single.** Everblooming. Of the purest white, and exquisitely fragrant. Buy freely of these, for they are sure to bloom, and come in late

summer when flowers are scarce. Also they are easily kept over winter, and will bloom again next year. Plant when the ground has become warm, after danger of frost is over. Full directions with shipment. 10c. 4 for 25c, 10 for 50c, 24 for \$1.00.

### SNOWDROP

The snowdrop, though small, is a flower of faultless beauty and of matchless grace and charm. It is the first of the early spring flowers, and a planting of it rapidly increases in numbers. These bulbs will be delivered in June or July, and should be planted as soon as received. They do best in a moist shady place where they can remain undisturbed. 5c. 6 for 20c, 12 for 36c, 25 for 60c.

### STAR OF BETHLEHEM

*Ornithogalum Umbellatum*. Another of the early spring flowers, white, with a greenish tinge. Blooms in great masses when established. Delivered in July, and should be planted at once. Small bulbs like these and snowdrops should be planted only about two inches deep. 5c. 6 for 20c, 12 for 30c, 25 for 50c.

### HARDY VIOLET

**Snowflake.** A robust-growing variety, blossom large, rich blue, spotted pure white. 15c.

### CASTOR BEANS

In no other way can so rich and heavy a tropical effect be secured so cheaply as by the planting of Castor Beans. They are fine for the center of a foliage bed, and make a very handsome screen. The variety I offer is one of the showiest and most beautiful, the large seed clusters and all the framework of the plant being a vivid red. The seed should not be planted until danger of frost is over. Per pkt. 10c, per oz. 25c.

### GARDEN BEANS

**Bountiful.** An early, green, flat-podded variety, said to be one of the best. One-fourth lb. 15c, lb. 40c.

**Early Six Weeks—Stringless Green Pod.** I suppose I have both of these, but am not sure, and am not positive which is which, though I think I know. Order the name you prefer, and I will send my best guess. One fourth lb. 15c, lb. 40c.

**Bush Lima, New Philadelphia.** Said to be the earliest bush lima. Pkt. 10c, one-fourth lb. 20c, lb. 60c.

### SUDAN SORGHUM

Apparently this grass is a cross between Sudan grass and sorghum. Like Sudan grass, it is slenderer than sorghum, and stools heavily, contin-

uing new growth until frost. Otherwise it is like sorghum, having much heavier leaves than Sudan grass, sweet sap, and hard casing. This last feature enables it to withstand the chinch bug, which is a very serious enemy of Sudan grass. For a forage or hay crop this seems to combine the advantages both of sorghum and of Sudan grass. For growing seed the individual plants should have a space of eighteen inches in rows the same distance apart as corn. An ounce should grow enough seed to plant a large field, as each plant will mature several heads. \* Plant at the same time as sorghum. Per ounce, 25c.

N. B. All prices in this list include delivery by mail or express.

If you are an iris lover, you want "Tall Bearded Irises," by Walter Stager, \$2.00. For sale by Madison Cooper, Calcium, N. Y.

The best flower magazine is "The Flower Grower," published by Madison Cooper, Calcium, N. Y. One year for \$2.00, 3 years for \$4.50. This, and the iris book can be ordered through me, or direct.

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